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527 triple-riding violations on average daily in city prompt traffic police to release awareness videos; minors mostly seen flouting this rule; South Division tops charts as usual

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Electronics City records maximum such cases over years

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Six children squeezed onto a single scooter, weaving through traffic without helmets or an adult in sight, may have shocked Bengalureans, but traffic police data suggests such violations are far from rare. In just 151 days this year, the city recorded 79,545 triple-riding cases, an average of 527 violations every day. Traffic police officials said they have observed an increasing number of minors riding vehicles without a valid driving licence. Among all divisions, the South Division has reported the highest number of triple riding violations. According to Traffic Police data, triple-riding cases in the city have shown an uneven trend over the last four years. The number of cases increased in 2024, dropped in 2025, and has risen sharply again in 2026, suggesting that despite regular enforcement drives, violations continue to persist. In 2023, police registered 1,17,738 triple-riding cases, averaging around 323 cases per day. This rose to 1,59,485 cases in 2024, with about 436 violations reported daily. In 2025, the number fell to 1,10,917 cases, or roughly 304 cases a day. However, the violations have increased again in 2026. Till May 31, police have already registered 79,545 cases. This means that in just



“A two-wheeler is designed to carry only two persons. When three passengers are on the vehicle, the rider loses control, balance, and braking capability, which is severely affected, particularly in heavy traffic and emergency situations

—Karthik Reddy, Joint commissioner of traffic

151 days, an average of 527 triple-riding cases were reported every day, highlighting a worrying rise in violations this year.

On May 30, 16-year-old Suraj Kumar died after a speeding tractor hit the scooter he was riding on RTO Road in Vijaya Bank

Layout, while his friend was injured. Police said both were minors riding illegally.

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Rains here, but shelter not yet ready

Renovation work of official chamber of Chief Whip of Oppn moves briskly, but rain shelters for KSISF personnel at Vidhana Soudha not ready yet



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It seems there is no stopping the complete waste of tax-payers' money at Vidhana Soudha. The Public Works Department (PWD) is assigned the maintenance of the Vidhana Soudha structure but it is alleged that instead of expediting important work, they are dragging their feet on it. As lakhs of rupees are being spent on the renovation of office chambers, construction of rain shelters for Karnataka State Industrial Security Force (KSISF) is progressing at snail's pace though monsoon has already arrived. The rain shelters were supposed to be ready more than a month ago. KSISF personnel said work began two months ago. This correspondent found gaping holes in the umbrella provided for the KSISF personnel posted at the West Gate of Vidhana Soudha. "We have no other option than taking shelter at the nearby cabin whenever it rains heavily. The work on the rain shelter stopped more than a month ago. It is yet to be completed. We hope the authorities

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THINGS TO DO

01 Exploring emotions



Shurpanakhi, an experimental theatre production weaves together Odissi dance, theatre and Yakshagana to reimagine Shurpanakhi not as a demoness, but as a woman, exploring her story through movement and emotions.

Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar; When: June 21, 3.30 pm, 7.30 pm

02 Fun-filled treat

Pet Circle is a vibrant two-day celebration bringing interactive experiences, shopping, entertainment, community moments and leading pet brands under one roof for pet parents and their furry companions.



Where: Nexus Vega City Mall; When: June 20, 21, 10.30 am

03 Social lens

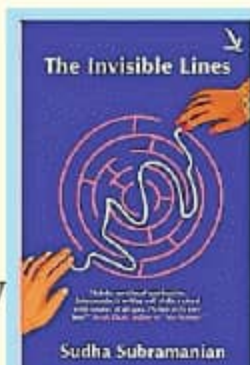
Antharanga presents Olacharandi Purana, a satirical play adapted from Dr Nagathihalli Chandrashekhara's story by Dr Gowrish Joshi, exposing bureaucratic apathy toward environment with wit, surrealism and sharp social commentary.

Where: Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi; When: June 18, 7.15 pm



04 Literary journey

Atta Galatta is hosting an interaction with Sudha Subramanian as she launches her latest book, The Invisible Lines. The conversation will explore how growing up in a small town influenced her storytelling, her publishing journey and more.



Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: June 20, 2.30 pm

05 Sacred stories

Divine Delicacies, a storytelling and menu tasting session by Aparna Jaishankar, offers a sensory journey through India's sacred kitchens while uncovering the myths, history and folklore behind beloved temple prasadam.

Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: June 21, 12.30 pm

VIBE CHECK Where we CHECK in on what is rad in Bengaluru

Collectible card craze shuffles into solid footing

India's first official trading card show brings together collectors and hobbyists for purchase, sale and showcase of their card collections while also connecting with fellow enthusiasts

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From Pokémon and anime cards to sports collectibles and trading card games, card collecting is steadily emerging as a popular hobby among youngsters and enthusiasts in India. Tapping into this growing trend, the Bangalore Card Show (BCS), billed as India's first official trading card show, started by two professionals, brought together collectors, traders, vendors and hobbyists from across the city on Sunday.

The event served as a dedicated platform for enthusiasts to buy, sell, trade and showcase their collections while connecting with fellow collectors. The show featured a wide range of collectibles, including Pokémon cards, sports cards, anime cards and trading card games (TCGs), alongside community meet-ups, giveaways, raffles and interactive sessions. The event attracted more than 2,500 visitors and highlighted the growing popularity of trading cards in India. Organisers said the next edition of the Bangalore Card Show will take place in November 2026.

"The next one is in November 2026 in Bengaluru as for now. We do plan to explore more opportunities in the future as today's event was very successful with a footfall of over 2,500 in attendance," said Sagar S, co-



Card show draws large number of visitors spanning diverse age groups

founder of Bangalore Card Show.

The event was founded by long-time collectors Sagar S, a paediatrician, and Ryan Satish, a wildlife biologist, who wanted to create a space for India's rapidly expanding collectibles community. Speaking about the inspiration behind the initiative, Sagar said, "The inspiration came from watching card shows online and asking ourselves, 'Why can't India do this?' We wanted to bring the same card show culture to our country and make trading more accessible to our community while bringing in more collectors."

He added that both founders have been collecting cards for several years and were motivated by the lack of a dedicated platform for enthusiasts. "We have been collecting cards for a long time and it has been

a hobby for the last four years. Along with our fellow collector friends, that is how we came up with the idea of the Bangalore Card Show," he said. According to Sagar, demand for trading cards has grown significantly in India, particularly for Pokémon cards. "Pokémon cards are the clear winners among all cards in the Indian market. Pikachu cards and Mew and Mewtwo cards are especially popular. We have seen a growth of nearly 50 to 70 per cent in interest around these cards," he said.

Ryan said nostalgia continues to drive interest among adult collectors while anime and gaming culture attract younger audiences. "Pokémon cards and TCGs were initially created as kids' games and merchandise. Today, many collectors are driven by nostalgia and continue to keep



Nostalgia continues to drive interest among adult collectors while anime and gaming culture attract younger audiences, says co-founder of Bangalore Card Show

that childlike enthusiasm alive. At the same time, anime and gaming culture are introducing a new generation of youngsters to the hobby," he said.

The event attracted participants across a wide age spectrum, ranging from children as young as 10 years old to veteran collectors in their 40s and 50s who have pursued the hobby for decades. Explaining the essence of the hobby, Ryan said, "TCG stands for Trading Card Game. While some people play the games and others collect the cards, trading remains at the heart of the hobby. We have a dedicated trading zone where collectors can showcase their binders, interact with others and exchange cards they value."

Fruit-bearing tree saplings to be planted across city

After heavy rains and strong winds uprooted more than 900 trees across Bengaluru, civic authorities are planning a major green drive with 80,000 to 1 lakh new saplings across the city. Moving away from species such as Gulmohar, Spathodea and Subabul (though visually attractive, they are known for brittle branches, invasive growth, excessive seeding and root systems that can damage surrounding infrastructure), which were among the worst affected during recent storms, the GBA Forest Cell has decided to prioritise useful and fruit-bearing varieties such as Jamun (Syzygium cumini), Ranj (Mimusops elengi), Honge (Pongamia pinnata) and Buguri (Thespesia populnea). Officials say the new trees will not only be sturdier but will also benefit residents, who could enjoy free fruits and other ecological benefits. Officials said the tenders for the plantation drive are expected shortly.

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BBP's wildlife family grows by two

Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) has announced a series of significant developments, including the successful acclimatisation of cheetahs recently brought from South Africa and the birth of a zebra foal and a hippopotamus calf, reinforcing the park's commitment to wildlife conservation and animal welfare.

The newly acquired cheetahs have successfully completed their mandatory quarantine period and are now open for public viewing. Following their arrival from South Africa, the animals were housed in a dedicated quarantine facility where they were closely monitored by the park's animal care team.

After completing veterinary evalu-

ations and meeting all health requirements, the cheetahs were shifted to a spacious outdoor enclosure designed to support their natural behaviour.

Adding to the celebrations, BBP recently recorded the birth of a healthy female zebra foal to zebra Kabini.

With the latest birth, the park's zebra herd has grown to 11 individuals. Officials noted that the growing herd reflects the success of sustained efforts to maintain healthy and genetically viable captive populations while providing an environment that supports natural social behaviour.

In another positive development, the park's female hippopotamus, Dashya, has given birth to a calf. Preliminary observations indicate that the calf is healthy and developing normally, while Dashya has displayed strong maternal instincts and attentive care towards her newborn.

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CJP in Bengaluru

Cockroach Janta Party's (CJP) demonstration sees massive participation in Bengaluru's Freedom Park on Sunday

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Claim settlement, grievance redressal to decide incentives of insurance firm top executives: IRDA

Delayed claim settlements, unresolved complaints, and subpar customer service have long been ongoing issues in the insurance sector, despite policyholders paying premiums for years.

Now, in a significant move focused on policyholders, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has linked the pay and incentives of top insurance company executives to parameters such as claim settlement responsiveness, grievance redressal, and product performance.

"Traditionally, insurance executives were rewarded based on growth and profits. IRDAI's new circular changes all that by tying a part of their variable pay to things that matter to customers such as how quickly claims get settled, how complaints get addressed, how products actually perform," says Trupti Balasubramaniam - CEO & Principal Officer, Probus.

What parameters will decide KMP remuneration?

For FY 2026-27, IRDAI has made six parameters mandatory for assessing KMP performance and determining variable pay or incentives. These include:

- Financial soundness and improvements
- Product performance and improvements
- Claim responsiveness and improvements
- Grievance redressal and improvements
- Implementation of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS)
- Removal of dark patterns in insurer and distributor interactions

The regulator has specified that these six parameters, together, must carry a 50% weightage in the performance assessment of KMPs. Out of this:

- Implementation of Ind AS will carry 10% weightage
- Removal of dark patterns will carry 10% weightage

The insurer's board may decide the remaining weightage for the other four parameters.

Insurers must publicly disclose claim settlement performance

One of the biggest changes for policyholders is the mandatory disclosure of claim responsiveness data. Insurers will now have to disclose how many claims are settled within 15 days, 30 days, 60 days and beyond, along with details of claims paid fully, partially, repudiated, rejected or remaining unsettled.

It's important to note that IRDAI has made it clear that claim settlement timelines will be counted from the date the claim is filed and not from the

date all documents are submitted. The regulator said facilitating documentation should be the insurer's responsibility.

Grievance redressal performance to become public

The regulator has also tightened norms around grievance handling. Insurers will have to publicly disclose grievance redressal performance, including the number of grievances resolved within specified timelines and pending unresolved complaints.

IRDAI clarified that complaints related to policy sale, services by insurer and /or by distribution channel, delay or inadequacy of claim servicing or settlement, delay in pre or post-treatment authorization in case of health insurance, and delay in assessment of loss in case of motor or property insurance must be treated as grievances. An inquiry or service request would not fall within the definition of "Grievance" or "Complaint".

Product performance disclosures also mandated

IRDAI has also directed insurers to publicly disclose product-level information for products contributing 90% of new or renewal premium collections. Products' performance parameters will detail features, inclusion & exclusions, FAQs, premium rate increase, sale and exit performance and returns. Another major addition is the focus on removal of "dark patterns" in insurer and distributor interactions with customers.

Public disclosures to begin from FY 2026-27

IRDAI has instructed insurers to disclose:

- Financial soundness data quarterly
- Claim responsiveness, grievance handling and product performance data monthly

The regulator has also said these disclosures must be easy to access and should not require visitors to share personal details such as phone numbers for viewing the information.

Why this move is important for policyholders

Policyholders have largely relied on advertisements, premium costs and broad claim settlement ratios while choosing an insurer. However, these metrics often do not fully reflect the actual customer experience during claim settlement or grievance handling.

"The new disclosure requirements can improve transparency for policyholders. Insurers will now be required to publicly disclose key performance indicators related to claims, grievances, product performance and related improvements in an easy-to-

understand manner.

This can help customers make more informed decisions while comparing insurers and evaluating service standards beyond just pricing or product features", says Arun Ramamurthy, Co-founder, Staywell.Health. "IRDAI has now asked insurers to openly publish data on claims, grievances, prod-

ucts, and retention on their websites, no sign-ups, no name and mobile number sharing needed. So, customers now have something tangible to check out while shortlisting an insurer rather than just premiums," says Balasubramaniam. In the case of the health and motor insurance buyers, that insight will matter greatly.

You will soon have an idea of what percentage of claims get settled fast, the age of unresolved grievances, the performance of products over the years. That kind of information, updated regularly and made available openly, will empower customers in deciding what coverage to buy, he adds.

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Weeds, crumbling walls mark school building's sorry plight

Roof of government school is leaking; its compound walls have developed cracks and children can't access unkempt play area overrun by weeds

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Enter the Government Tamil and English Higher Primary School, you will be wondering whether you entered a school situated in a city like Bengaluru. If you feel like entering an abandoned school premises, you are not at fault because its compound looks like an abandoned agricultural land with overgrown weeds and grass in rural areas. Recently, Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner and Commissioners of respective City Corporations directed ward engineers to identify buildings and compound walls in dilapidated condition. It is not clear whether the ward engineer of Bengaluru Central City Corporation (BCCC) inspected the school building, constructed in 1924, and the compound wall reconstructed by a social religious organisation more than a decade ago. The school building has developed cracks and its roof is not leak-proof, leaving little to celebrate about its condition.

The compound wall is in worse shape and may collapse when it rains heavily.

"I have been aware of the Government Tamil Higher Primary School for many years. Once, this school had more than 300 students. Now, the number of students has decreased to the double digit. I want the authorities concerned to take measures to improve basic amenities for the benefit of students. It will be a great help for the students and teachers if the authorities concerned, including BCCC engineers, take measures to keep the premises clean and neat," said Bramhananda Reddy, a resident from Gupta Layout.



Properties with walls higher than 1.5 mt to face heat

Compound walls exceeding 1.5 metres in height could soon face action as the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) moves to enforce provisions of the National Building Code. Under the rules, residential buildings, apartments, hotels, guest houses, marriage halls and other properties can have compound walls only up to 1.5 metres above road level, with an additional 0.9-metre grill permitted to allow free airflow.

Officials said they will issue notices to property owners violating the norm. If owners fail to comply, the authority can demolish the structures and recover the cost

from them. The move has sparked debate as several government guest houses, ministers' residences and private properties reportedly have compound walls ranging from eight to 10 feet, and in some cases even higher. The ongoing increase in the height of the compound wall at the government-run Kumara Krupa Guest House has also come under scrutiny. GBA officials said the rules will apply uniformly to government and private properties. They added that many commercial buildings, tech parks, hospitals and hotels across Bengaluru do not comply with the prescribed norms.

A resident, pleading anonymity, said a few drunkards throw empty liquor bottles into the school premises from nearby buildings. "I appeal to the authorities to ensure cleanliness on the school compound," the

resident added.

When contacted, a teacher said she would take measures to keep the school premises clean and neat. "The compound is full of grass and weeds. I engage workers to remove weeds



(1) A crack has developed in the front of the compound wall of Government Tamil and English Higher Primary school; (2) The condition of a portion of compound wall (rear side); (3) Weeds around the play area

and grass from the school compound. As of now, the school has three teachers – two for Tamil and one for Kannada. We have started English medium from this academic year," the teacher said.

Meanwhile, the Block Education Officer said she had already visited the school after assuming office. "I will visit the school on Monday. I will take measures to keep the school compound clean. I will also inspect the condition of the school compound wall and submit a report on it to higher authorities," the BEO said.

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Time to prune Pulikeshinagar



Dangerous trees inside inside an apartment on Promenade Road and Assaye Road in Frazer Town, Pulikeshinagar pose a risk to residents and require immediate pruning.

Flooding mess Marathahalli



A stormwater drain near the IOC Petrol Pump in Marathahalli ends abruptly without connecting to the rajakaluve, causing flooding during rains.

One in 10 Bengaluru crashes linked to illegal LED lights

Traffic police prepare fresh enforcement drive as illegal high-intensity vehicle lights increasingly endanger motorists, riders and pedestrians

The growing use of high-powered LED headlights on vehicles contributes to a significant number of road accidents in Bengaluru; traffic police estimate that such modifications account for around 10% of annual crashes. The city police are now planning renewed action against offenders as safety concerns mount, despite a ban on dazzling aftermarket lights being in place for

over two years.

Officials say motorists continue to replace manufacturer-fitted headlights with powerful LED units and additional fog lamps that violate Motor Vehicles Act norms. The intense glare from these lights often blinds oncoming drivers and two-wheeler riders, particularly on city roads, flyovers and highway stretches, increasing the risk of collisions and fatalities.

Traffic police say that, apart from speeding, drunk driving, reckless overtaking, pothole-ridden roads and poorly designed junctions, illegal lighting systems have emerged as a major factor behind road accidents. Bengaluru records nearly 5,000 road accidents every year, and police estimate that around 10% of them are linked to unauthorised



lighting modifications.

During the tenure of former Traffic and Road Safety ADGP Alok Kumar, the police launched a special enforcement drive and booked more than 10,000 cases in Bengaluru. Authorities fined violators ₹500 each. However, officials say the problem has resurfaced, with a growing number of vehicles once again being fitted with high-intensity lights.

Officials also pointed out that some vehicles from hilly districts

such as Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan and Sakleshpur use high-beam headlights to improve visibility in misty and low-light conditions. When these vehicles operate in urban areas, the powerful beams can significantly reduce visibility for oncoming motorists and trigger accidents. The upcoming crackdown will also target wrong-side driving, riding on footpaths and unsafe vehicle modifications. Police sources said manufacturers install headlights according to prescribed safety standards, but many owners alter them, claiming better visibility on curves and poorly lit roads. Authorities warned that any modification causing excessive glare is illegal and said enforcement teams will intensify checks across the city in the coming weeks.

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Borewell inaccessible Kavalbyrasandra



An unauthorised lock on a BWSSB borewell junction box in MM Layout, Kavalbyrasandra, is restricting public access for private use.

Rain, rain, makes the roads go away

Accumulation of water in low-lying areas due to unexpected rain and poorly maintained urban drainage systems create significant hassle for motorists across city

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Hheavy rainfall on Sunday morning led to severe waterlogging along the Eighth Mile stretch (Peenya Dasarhalli) of National Highway 4, creating major difficulties for motorists as water levels rose up to two to three feet on parts of the road.

The Eighth Mile junction, a crucial gateway connecting Bengaluru with nearly 20 districts across Karnataka, witnessed rainwater flowing across the highway like a river. Frustrated commuters blamed government agencies and civic authorities for failing to address the recurring problem.

Residents pointed out that inadequate drainage infrastructure in the Dasarhalli Assembly constituency has become a chronic issue. During every spell of heavy rain, stormwater fails to drain properly and spills onto the national highway, resulting in hazardous conditions and traffic disruptions.

Large pools of stagnant water were also seen in the middle of the carriage-way. In several low-lying areas, poorly maintained drainage systems prevented water from flowing away, causing it to accumulate on the roads. This posed a significant risk to motorists, particularly two-wheeler riders, autorickshaw drivers and pedestrians.

Locals alleged that the problem recurs every monsoon because natural water channels have been obstructed during road development works and adequate drainage facilities have not been provided. They said the lack of proper planning has turned the stretch into a flood-prone zone whenever there is heavy rainfall.

Siddaraju, a local resident, said, "Apart from causing traffic congestion, stagnant water has also increased the risk of accidents, as some motorists continue to drive at high speeds through waterlogged sections. We have repeatedly brought the issue to



1. Citizens struggle as rain grips city; 2. Rainfall causes tree to uproot in BTM Layout; 3. Heavy downpour leads to severe waterlogging on roads

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the attention of the National Highways Authority and other concerned departments, but no permanent solution has been implemented

so far. Hence, we urge authorities to identify the root cause and provide a lasting remedy rather than relying on temporary measures."

Locals say the drain constructed adjacent to the service road has become ineffective and serves little practical purpose. When contacted, Dasarhalli MLA S Muniraju said the matter would be discussed with officials of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board and that instructions would be issued to ensure an appropriate solution is found at the earliest.

Rains to lash city for few more days

After weeks of warm and humid conditions, Bengaluru residents woke up to a markedly different weather pattern over the weekend, with intermittent rain, overcast skies and cooler temperatures giving the city an almost hill-station-like feel.

The change began on Saturday afternoon when several parts of the city received moderate to heavy showers, bringing much-needed relief from rising temperatures. The rainy spell is expected to continue, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasting more showers and gusty winds across Bengaluru and other parts of South Interior Karnataka over the coming week.

According to weather officials, a combination of atmospheric systems over the Bay of Bengal and southern peninsular India is driving the current spell of rainfall. While some upper-air circulations that influenced the region have weakened, moisture-laden winds and favourable weather conditions continue to support thunderstorm activity across Karnataka.

Dr N Puvirasan, Scientist 'F' and Head of the India Meteorological Centre, said the prevailing weather pattern is likely to keep rainfall activity active across Bengaluru in the coming days. The IMD has forecast thunderstorms accompanied by gusty winds reaching 30-40 kmph across parts of South Interior Karnataka between June 14 and June 16. Heavy rainfall is also likely at isolated locations in the region from June 15 to June 18. The local forecast for Bengaluru indicates generally cloudy skies over the next 48 hours, with light to moderate rain expected in parts of the city.

Jail staff face dismissal for aiding illegal activities

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The Prisons Department has adopted a zero-tolerance policy against staff involved in illegal activities, including smuggling drugs, mobile phones and cash to inmates. Officials have made it clear that those found guilty will not just face suspension but will be dismissed from service. The action is part of a special drive titled 'Operation Parishuddheekarana', aimed at eliminating drug use and other unlawful practices within jails. The move is being seen as a strong warning to prison personnel who collude with inmates for monetary gains.

The crackdown follows a series of incidents at the Parappana Agrahara

Central Prison, the state's largest correctional facility. Authorities have found that inmates' relatives often attempt to smuggle contraband into the prison, and in several cases, staff members have allegedly facilitated these acts. In a recent case, a warder was caught and arrested while trying to supply drugs. Officials say such incidents have raised serious concerns about internal security and discipline within prisons.

Director General of Prisons Alok Kumar has now ordered stringent action. "Staff involved in supplying drugs, mobile phones or money have no place in the department. If found guilty after inquiry, they will be removed from service," he said. As part of the first phase of action, the department has initiated dismissal proceedings against five staff members for offences committed in the



Recent incidents have raised concerns about internal security within prisons

past. In addition, departmental inquiries are currently underway against 32 personnel accused of serious misconduct, including aiding the supply of narcotics and electronic devices.

To strengthen internal monitoring, officials have classified prison

staff into three categories based on service record and conduct. At Parappana Agrahara prison alone, 28 staff members have been placed under the 'C category', identifying them as high-risk individuals. These personnel are being closely monitored and counselling sessions are being conducted to prevent further violations.

Drug testing and reform measures

The state has eight central prisons and a total of 50 jails, housing around 15,000 inmates. Authorities have also stepped up efforts to tackle drug addiction among prisoners through regular testing and counselling. Officials said inmates are being encouraged to voluntarily undergo drug tests. Those found consuming narcotics are being treated as victims and referred to rehabilitation pro-

grammes instead of being punished. The department has directed prison authorities to conduct drug tests on at least 10 per cent of inmates as part of ongoing reform measures.

No leniency policy

DGP Alok Kumar stressed that prisons must serve as reform centres and not become hubs for illegal activities. He termed the involvement of staff in such offences as "unforgivable."

He also clarified that earlier practices such as revoking suspension, reinstating staff or imposing minor penalties like salary cuts will no longer be followed. "Strict dismissal will be the norm in proven cases," he said. Officials believe the tough stance is necessary to restore discipline and credibility within the prison system and ensure that correctional facilities function as intended.

Kerala Shigella surge triggers monsoon hygiene alert for public

Health experts urge safe water practices, food caution and hand hygiene as seasonal rains increase infection risks across communities during monsoon

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The rise in Shigella infections in neighbouring Kerala has prompted public health experts in the City to urge residents to pay closer attention to water safety and personal hygiene during the monsoon season. While there is no indication of a similar situation in Bengaluru, experts say the outbreak highlights the need for preventive measures, especially in cities where heavy rainfall can increase the risk of contamination of food and water sources.

Kerala has reported 59 confirmed Shigella cases and two deaths linked to the bacterial infection so far this month. Cases have been detected in districts including Wayanad, Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Kozhikode, Thrissur and Malappuram. The state has also witnessed a rise in seasonal illnesses during the monsoon, with thousands of fever cases being reported in recent days. Shigella is a highly contagious bacterial infection that spreads through the faecal-oral route, typically through contaminated food, water or unwashed hands. Symptoms include fever, abdominal cramps, nausea and diarrhoea, which can sometimes be bloody.

"Bengaluru should treat the Kerala outbreak as a prompt to act, not a story to follow," said



Himanshu Sikka, Senior Director, Chief Strategy & Diversification Officer and Lead - Health, Nutrition & WASH, IPE Global. "The monsoon sharply amplifies the risk of infections such as Shigella in dense urban settings where stormwater, sewage and drinking-water supplies can intersect. While access to improved drinking-water sources has increased significantly across India, contamination at the point of use remains a concern during periods of heavy rainfall," he said.

According to Sikka, prevention is far more effective and economical than responding to outbreaks after they occur. He advised resi-

With water contamination risks rising during heavy rainfall, doctors and public health specialists stress simple preventive habits that can significantly reduce the spread of bacterial illnesses

dents to consume only boiled or properly filtered water and urged apartment complexes, schools and institutions to inspect and maintain their water storage systems.

"Bengaluru's ageing sewage infrastructure and dependence on borewells in some localities make water, sanitation and hygiene systems critical to public health," he added.

Doctors in the city have also advised residents travelling between Karnataka and Kerala to be cautious about food and water consumption. Dr M Ravi Kumar, Senior Consultant - Internal Medicine at Sakra World Hospital, said simple precautions can help prevent infection. "Drink only boiled water, avoid loose ice cubes in beverages and opt for freshly cooked food. Raw salads, cut fruits and street food prepared in unhygienic conditions should be avoided, particularly during the rainy season," he said.

Dr Kumar also stressed the importance of hand hygiene. "Wash hands thoroughly with soap and running water before eating and after using the restroom. Sanitisers can be used while commuting, but soap and water remain the most effective protection." He cautioned against self-medication, especially anti-diarrhoeal drugs, and advised people to prevent dehydration with ORS and seek medical attention if symptoms persist or worsen. Experts said there is no reason for alarm in Bengaluru at present, but maintaining safe drinking water practices and proper hygiene remains the most effective defence against monsoon-related infections and potential disease outbreaks.

Woman allegedly murdered by live-in partner

In a chilling incident, a 22-year-old woman, identified as Ati Hungma Subha from Sikkim, was allegedly murdered by her live-in partner, identified as Purba Lepcha, over suspicions of infidelity. According to police, the incident took place at the couple's residence in the Doddakanahalli area on Sunday morning. Police reports state that the accused used a kitchen knife to slit the throat of the deceased after the duo got into a heated argument. Police have taken Purba Lepcha into custody for questioning. Police said affair suspicions allegedly sparked a fatal dispute; accused partner arrested, investigation underway. — BMB

Rajasthan ACB arrests B'luru cops for taking bribe

The Rajasthan Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has arrested three personnel attached to HAL Police Station for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 40,000 during an investigation in Jaipur. According to Rajasthan ACB officials, the action followed a complaint from a person whose family members faced a dowry harassment case registered in B'luru. The complainant alleged that the police team, which had travelled from Bengaluru to Jaipur as part of the investigation, demanded Rs 2 lakh to weaken the case and remove family members' names from the proceedings. Constable caught, probe leads to two arrests. — BMB

Pilgrimage trip ends in reservoir tragedy

Three young men from Bengaluru's Girinagar area drowned while swimming in the Shettihalli backwaters of the Hemavathi Reservoir in Hassan district on Sunday after returning from a pilgrimage to Dharmasthala and Kukke Subrahmanya Temple. The victims were identified as Manikantha (20), Milan (21), and Sharan (22), who were part of a group of 10 friends visiting the popular tourist spot. According to Gorur Police, the youths entered the water at around 3:30 pm and were swept away. Rescue teams recovered Manikantha's body, while search operations for the other two continued. — BMB

Loyalty test

A seemingly routine plea for a ministerial berth for Zameer Ahmed Khan turned awkward when a supporter approached former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and described Zameer as his close aide. Visibly annoyed, Siddaramaiah shot back, asking how someone considered a loyalist could work against him in Davanagere. When the supporter insisted that Zameer remained his confidant, the Congress veteran reportedly retorted, "Do you know what really happened?" before questioning whether a close associate should be acting against him. The exchange, captured on video, has since gone viral on social media.



Photo politics

Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy took a swipe at Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar over the latter's stated willingness to visit him if given an appointment.

Reacting to the remark, Kumaraswamy sarcastically asked what advice Shivakumar would seek from someone whom he had pre-

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viously questioned over his achievements as a two-time Chief Minister. Alleging that Shivakumar's recent visits to former Chief Ministers were more about photo opportunities than consultations, Kumaraswamy remarked that the proverb "Ati Vinayam Dhoorta Lakshanam" often comes to his mind. He also noted that Shivakumar had criticised him in the past and questioned the need for such a meeting now.

Shared space

When D K Shivakumar was Deputy Chief Minister, his photograph routinely appeared alongside that of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in government advertisements. But since Shivakumar became Chief Minister, official publicity material has largely carried only his photograph, with Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara missing from the frame. Asked about it, Parameshwara said work mattered more than photographs, but later added that he would take up the issue with the Chief Minister and the Information Department to find out why his picture was being left out.



Missed chances

Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara turned emotional while reflecting on his long political journey, candidly speaking about the disappointment of missing out on the Chief Minister's post three times despite decades of public service. Recalling key moments from his career, he said politics had brought both recognition and setbacks, but he had continued to move forward with commitment and patience. The senior Congress leader struck a philosophical note on life and leadership, saying positions are temporary and that one must remain focused on service rather than titles.

No surprise

PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi said he was not surprised at missing out on the KPCC president's post, asserting that the Congress leadership had made it clear over the past few months that the "one man, one post" policy would be strictly followed. Dismissing speculation that rival camps blocked his chances, Jarkiholi said the decision was policy-driven. On why the rule did not apply to Deputy Chief Minister D K



Shivakumar earlier, he noted that Shivakumar was already KPCC chief when the norm was introduced and was allowed to continue, whereas under the current arrangement no minister could aspire for the post.

Rock remark

Chief Minister D K Shivakumar responded to references to him as "Bande" (rock), saying he did not know why people called him that or from which quarry the rock was supposedly mined. Acknowledging that his family once owned quarries, he said his brother used to oversee the business during the tenure of S M Krishna, but they had exited the sector long ago. Describing the nickname in a philosophical vein, Shivakumar said the "rock" was a creation of nature that had eventually been shaped into a sculpture.

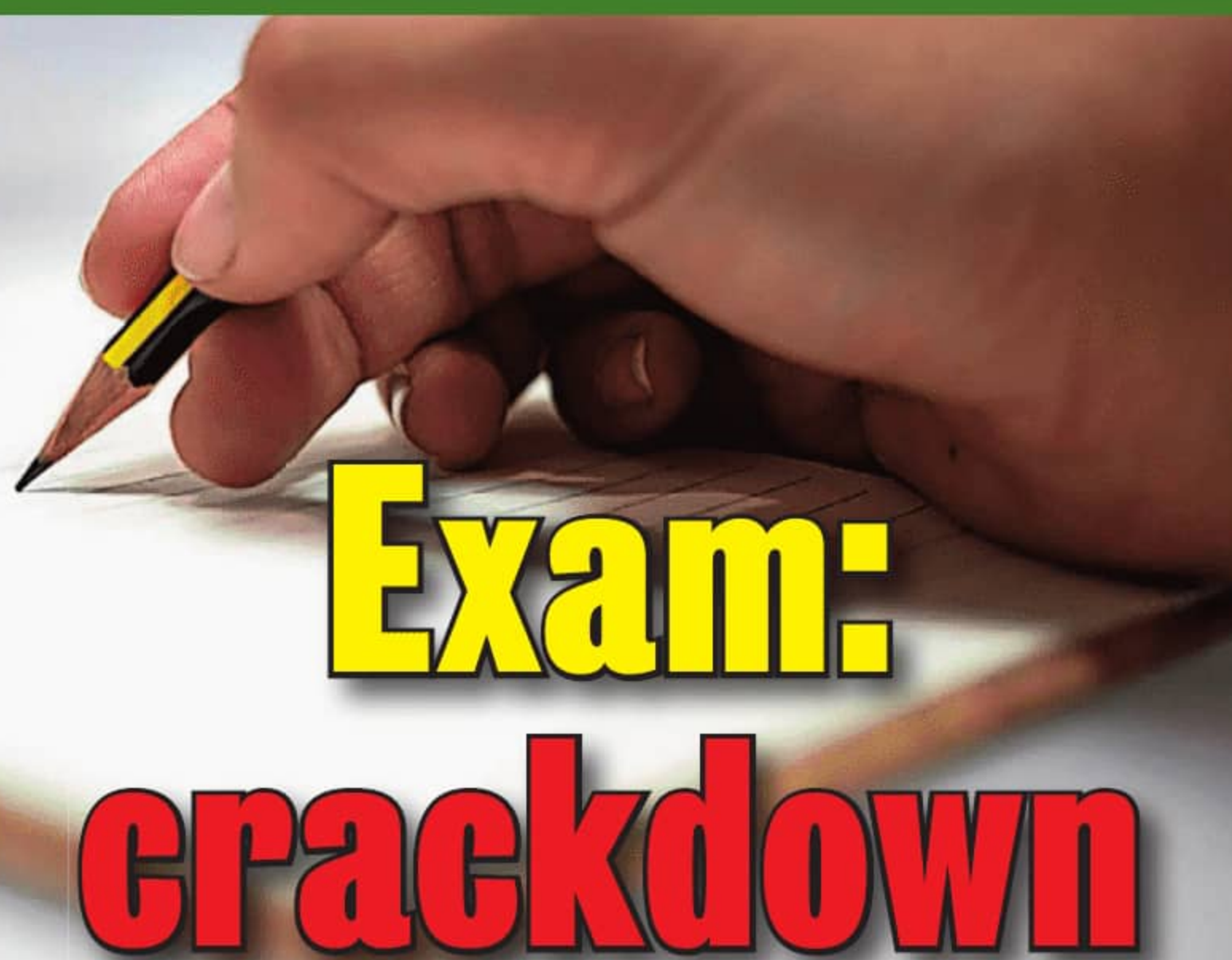
Snack analogy

Responding to concerns that his newly announced decisions as Chief Minister could place an additional burden on the state exchequer, D K Shivakumar remarked that every activity comes with a financial cost. Drawing a light-hearted comparison, he told journalists that even the ongoing press conference involved expenses, pointing out that snacks were being served to attendees and asking whether that too should be considered a financial burden. — Sridhar Vivan


BM SIMPLY PUT

Here's all you need to know about KPSC's new rules for tighter exam security

In a bid to curb recurring allegations of cheating, paper leaks and other irregularities in Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) examinations, the Commission has proposed a comprehensive new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The draft guidelines place greater responsibility on Deputy Commissioners (DCs), Police Commissioners and Superintendents of Police (SPs), while introducing stricter surveillance, videography and monitoring measures across every stage of the examination process. The proposal is currently under consultation and is expected to be implemented after feedback from district administrations and police authorities.



Why has KPSC proposed a new SOP?

KPSC says examination malpractice has become increasingly sophisticated, with candidates allegedly using advanced technological devices and new methods to cheat. The proposed SOP aims to strengthen transparency, accountability and security throughout the examination process.

What is the most significant change proposed?

The Commission has proposed mandatory videography of the entire examination process. This includes candidates entering examination centres, security checks, seating arrangements, distribution of question papers, activities inside examination halls and the handling of answer scripts after the examination.

Which stages of the examination will be recorded?

The recording will begin before the examination starts and cover display boards, candidate entry, frisking procedures, receipt and distribution of examination materials, opening of question paper boxes, activities inside examination rooms and the collection, verification, bundling and sealing of OMR sheets and answer scripts after the examination. The footage must clearly capture the examination name, date and time.

What will happen to the recorded footage?

After the examination, supervisors must certify that no malpractice occurred. The complete video footage, along with the certification, must be stored on a pen drive, properly labelled with examination details and submitted to KPSC for record and verification purposes.

What responsibilities will Deputy Commissioners have?

Deputy Commissioners will oversee the overall conduct of examinations in their districts. They will be required to hold preparatory meetings with officials and invigilators, appoint Group A or Group B officers as observers for every four to five examination centres, designate officers for secure transportation of question papers, submit verified lists of examination personnel to KPSC and ensure continuous CCTV monitoring of district treasuries where confidential examination materials are stored.

What duties have been assigned to Police Commissioners and SPs?

Police authorities will be responsible for providing adequate security at examination centres, conducting periodic inspections through local police stations, arranging armed escorts for the transportation of question papers and confidential materials when necessary, preventing unauthorised gatherings near examination centres and ensuring that law and order is maintained throughout the examination process.

Are there any new checks on examination staff?

Yes. Officials and staff assigned to examination duties will undergo background verification and must submit declarations stating that none of their family members appearing for the examination are assigned to the centres where they are posted.

Has the new SOP come into force?

Not yet. The draft guidelines have been circulated to Deputy Commissioners, Police Commissioners and SPs for feedback. Once their suggestions are reviewed, KPSC is expected to finalise and implement the SOP across the state.

What is KPSC hoping to achieve through these measures?

The Commission believes the proposed framework will minimise opportunities for malpractice, strengthen accountability at every level and improve public confidence in the fairness and integrity of KPSC recruitment examinations.

IN HIGH COURT

KVAFSU land transfer petition dismissed

The Karnataka High Court has dismissed a public interest litigation (PIL) challenging the state government's decision to transfer a portion of land belonging to the Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University (KVAFSU) in Hebbal for the construction of official residences for High Court judges.

A division bench comprising Justice DK Singh and Justice TM Nadaf upheld the government order dated January 8, 2026, which transferred seven acres from the Veterinary College campus — four acres for judges' quarters and three acres for a super-speciality hospital.

The petition was filed by the Karnataka Veterinary Association, the Bangalore Veterinary College Alumni Association, the Senior Veterinarians' Association and the Dairy Science College Alumni Association. The petitioners argued that the transfer would adversely affect the institution's teaching, research activities, livestock manage-

ment and future expansion plans. They also contended that the reduction in land could impact accreditation and rankings.

Rejecting these arguments, the court noted that the veterinary college possesses approximately 317.73 acres of land, far exceeding the 30 acres required under applicable norms. The bench held that the transfer of four acres would not hamper the functioning or development of the institution.

The judges further held that the proposed residential complex, located adjacent to Nyayagrama, would serve a larger public interest by strengthening the institutional framework of the judiciary. Similarly, the allotment of three acres for a super-speciality hospital was found to be in public interest. Finding no arbitrariness, illegality or violation of any statutory provisions in the government's decision, the High Court dismissed the PIL and upheld the land transfer. **-BMB**

Case against Murugha Mutt pontiff stayed

The Karnataka High Court has stayed criminal proceedings initiated against Murugha Mutt pontiff Dr Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru in a case registered under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. The case concerns allegations that information regarding minors residing in institutions and orphanages run by the mutt had been concealed.

A single-judge bench of the Karnataka High Court, presided over by Justice M Nagaprasanna, passed the interim order while hearing a petition filed by the seer challenging the proceedings pending before a trial court.

The case stems from allegations that authorities were not informed about children residing in facilities

managed by the mutt, as required under the Juvenile Justice Act. The prosecution had initiated criminal action against the seer in connection with the alleged non-disclosure.

During the hearing, the High Court considered the petitioner's challenge to the continuation of the proceedings and ordered that further action in the case remain stayed until the matter is examined in greater detail.

The interim relief granted by the court means that the proceedings before the lower court will not move forward for the time being. The petition filed by Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru remains pending before the High Court, which will decide the legality of the proceedings after hearing the parties involved. **-BMB**

'Speaker is competent authority for sanctions'

The Karnataka High Court has held that the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly is the competent authority to reconsider a request seeking sanction to prosecute five political leaders, including Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy, in connection with the alleged 2019 "Operation Kamala" episode.

Justice Sunil Dutt Yadav, while dealing with the matter, referred to a Supreme Court ruling in the case involving former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao. Applying the same principle, the High Court said that the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly would be the appropriate authority in cases involving MLAs.

The proceedings stem from a complaint lodged in 2020 by social activist TJ Abraham before the Anti-Corruption Bureau. Abraham alleged that then Kolar MLA K Srinivas Gowda had informed the then Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy that he

had accepted Rs 5 crore from BJP leaders SR Vishwanath, CN Ashwath Narayan and CP Yogeshwar to switch allegiance to the BJP. Abraham further claimed that Kumaraswamy arranged for Rs 5 crore to be paid back to retain Gowda within the JD(S).

Abraham filed a private complaint before a special court, seeking action under provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Indian Penal Code. However, the accused challenged the proceedings and the High Court earlier set aside the cognisance order on the ground that prior sanction for prosecution had not been obtained.

Subsequently, in March 2022, Abraham submitted an application seeking sanction to prosecute the five politicians. The High Court has now clarified that the matter must be reconsidered by the Assembly Speaker. **-BMB**

CM dismisses rumours, says guarantee schemes will continue

Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivkumar on Sunday dismissed rumours about the discontinuation of the Congress government's guarantee schemes, asserting that welfare programmes such as Gruha Lakshmi and Gruha Jyothi will continue without interruption.

CM Shivakumar said the public should not be misled by what he described as false propaganda by opposition parties regarding the future of the schemes.

In a statement on X, "Guarantee is there, guarantee will be there! We will not stop guarantee schemes, no need to worry. The Congress government's people-centric guarantee schemes like Gruha Lakshmi and Gruha Jyothi will not be suspended for any reason.

The public should not pay heed to the false propaganda and rumours from opposition parties that these schemes are being stopped," he said.

"It has come to notice that some individuals are creating fake records in the names of deceased persons to avail benefits of the schemes. Therefore, a review process has been undertaken to verify the names, addresses, and bank account details of genuine beneficiaries.

This is not a step to stop the schemes; rather, it is a measure to ensure that the benefits of the schemes reach the eligible beneficiaries properly. **BMB**

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This is to notify the general public that one Sri. P.K. Venugopal Reddy, son of late Krishna Reddy has represented that he is the sole and absolute owner in possession, free of all encumbrances over the immovable property being 10000 square feet of plot area, carved out of the larger extent of converted land comprised in New Survey No. 118/1, Khata No. 118/1/964, assigned New P.I.D. No. 14141667476, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk.

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Stunt-riding zones: BTM Layout, HSR Layout, Koramangala and Madiwala

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Earlier, a viral image of six children riding a single scooter without helmets on Padarayanapura Main Road had sparked outrage over underage driving and serious road safety violations.

Meanwhile three days ago, when the Traffic Police released an awareness video on triple riding on their social media handle, the comments section was flooded with concerns. One user remarked that such violations are commonly visible in neighbourhoods and questioned whether authorities were also noticing them, calling it a serious issue. The user further pointed out that school-children are also seen riding two-wheelers without wearing helmets.

Joint commissioner of traffic Karthik Reddy said in the video, "Triple riding is a serious violation that poses significant threat to public safety. A two-wheeler is designed to carry only two persons. When three passengers are on the vehicle, the rider loses control, balance, and braking capability, which is severely affected, particularly in heavy traffic and emergency situations. Such violations increase the risk of accidents and endanger not only riders but also public lives."

He reveals that police have also noticed minors riding without a valid driving licence. He also made an appeal to parents. "We appeal to parents to exercise parental responsibility and ensure that minors do not ride vehicles without a licence." He warned that if minors are caught riding, it is a punishable offence and parents will be held accountable.

Hotspots of violations

Data shows that the South Division continues to report the highest num-

ber of traffic violations in the city. The division, which covers areas including Jayanagar, consistently tops the city's violation charts, followed by the West and East divisions.

Senior traffic police officials said major hotspots for triple riding and illegal stunt riding in this zone include BTM Layout, HSR Layout, Koramangala and Madiwala. These violations are often reported during late-night hours, especially between 10 pm and 2 am, when traffic is lighter and enforcement is relatively low. Officials said some riders take advantage of this time for so-called "fun rides."

Police also noted that a majority of offenders belong to the 18-35 age group. Triple riding is also commonly seen during short-distance trips, where riders tend to ignore safety rules.

As per the Violation Challan Analytics dashboard of Traffic Police for 2026 (January to March), Electronics City recorded the highest number of triple riding cases with 204 violations, followed closely by Jnanabharathi with 203 cases. Other major locations include JP Nagar (146 cases), Chikkabanavara and Banashankari (128 each), Peenya (125), Jeevanbheemanagar (122), Jayanagar (103), Hennur (89), and Mahadevapura (79). The data shows that violations are spread across both residential neighbourhoods and busy commercial areas.

A long-term analysis from 2020 to March 2026 further reveals that Electronics City has consistently topped the list with 3,362 cases, followed by Whitefield (2,965), Madiwala (2,761), Peenya (2,656), HAL Old Airport Road (2,619), Rajajinagar (2,442), Kamakshipalya (2,428), Byatarayanapura (2,350), KR Puram (2,339), and Shivajinagar (2,289).

PWD accused of not acting in time to prevent leak in chamber

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will complete the construction as early as possible," a KSISF personnel said.

However, the renovation of the official chamber of the Chief Whip of Opposition (BJP) in the Legislative Council is progressing at a great speed. The renovation is expected to cost lakhs of rupees to the state exchequer. "We will complete the renovation in 15 days," said a supervisor assigned by the contractor.

It is said the renovation of the official chamber of the Chief Whip of Opposition was necessitated due to the negligence of the PWD engineers. It is said water seepage from the adjacent canteen caused wood rot in the official chamber.

"The PWD engineers should have taken measures to prevent seepage of water from the adjacent canteen by strengthening the wall between the

canteen and my official chamber, but they failed. There was so much wood rot and leakage of water. It was not possible for me to use the official chambers. Now, the PWD has taken up renovation of my official chamber," said N Ravi Kumar, Chief Whip of Opposition (BJP) in the Legislative Council.

A social activist, on the condition of anonymity, said the PWD engineers would have saved a lot of money if the water seepage was plugged as soon as the complaint was received. "Now, the PWD is compelled to spend a huge amount for renovation of the entire chamber," the activist said.

The PWD engineer said the renovation work was taken up after receiving the complaint from Ravi Kumar. When asked about the cost, the engineer said he has to check the file to know the exact cost of the renovation.

Bag of surprises that keeps giving

Irankunda scores winner for Socceroos; Scots over the moon as they edge past Haiti; Vinicius Junior wants to do more for Brazil; Qatar coach happy with his team's mentality



Nestory Irankunda in action as Turkey's Merih Demiral reacts

Australia spoils Turkey's return with 2-0 win

Nestory Irankunda and Connor Metcalfe scored and Australia spoiled Turkey's return to the World Cup for the first time in 24 years with a 2-0 victory on Saturday night.

Goalkeeper Patrick Beach made eight saves for the Socceroos in their group opener as FIFA President Gianni Infantino looked on. Australia was playing in its sixth straight World Cup and seventh overall.

Turkey reached the semifinals of the 2002 World Cup but then missed five straight tournaments before qualifying this year by beating Kosovo in a playoff.

Irankunda broke through for the Socceroos in the 27th minute with a low shot while pursued by three defenders. It came less than a minute after the first-half hydration break.

Irankunda celebrated by punching

the corner flag in a tribute to Australian soccer legend Tim Cahill. The 20-year-old who plays for Watford is the Socceroo's youngest-ever goal scorer at a World Cup.

Minutes later Beach stopped Abdulkemir Bardakci's blast from distance. Beach started in goal for the Socceroos rather than experienced counterpart Matthew Ryan in a surprise decision from coach Tony Popovic.

Irankunda said the Socceroos took issue with comments Turkey captain Hakan Calhanoglu made a day before the match, proclaiming that his side had "more qualities and a more talented team."

"Yeah, it was extra motivation," Irankunda said. "Obviously we don't like people to talk bad about us because we're a great team. People underestimate us." **-AP**

Scotland hang on for first win since 1990



Scotland's John McGinn shoots at goal

Scotland, roared on by their Tartan Army of travelling fans, savoured their first World Cup win in 36 years on Saturday when they edged past Haiti for a scrappy 1-0 victory settled by a first-half strike from John McGinn.

The Scots - needing three points against a side ranked among the minnows of the game before facing tougher opposition in the shape of Brazil and Morocco in their other Group C matches - went ahead in the 28th minute.

A close-range effort by Che Adams was saved by Johny Placide only for the ball to fall to McGinn

whose shot was deflected over the Haiti goalkeeper and into the net.

Eleven minutes earlier, Scott McTominay had smacked a shot against a post and, although Haiti showed glimpses of their electric pace and put pressure on Scotland in the closing stages, Scottish goalkeeper Angus Gunn barely had a save to make.

The win, although not pretty, puts Steve Clarke's men top of the group ahead of five-time world champions Brazil and 2022 semi-finalists Morocco who drew 1-1 earlier on Saturday and bolsters their hopes of finally making it into the

knockout round of a major competition.

"We probably put the supporters through it a little bit. Everyone said it was a must-win game. We won the game," Clarke told BBC radio. "Defensively - outstanding. We probably could have been a little bit better with the ball, but who cares?"

At the final whistle, Scotland's supporters also showed no sign of worrying about the lack of flowing football as they launched into a raucous rendition of their trademark celebration song "Yes Sir, I Can Boogie" by Spanish 1970s disco act Baccara. **-Reuters**

'I wasn't 100 percent at my best...'

After scoring his 10th goal for Brazil in his 50th appearance for the Selecao during the 1-1 draw with Morocco in the FIFA World Cup 2026 Group C match, Vinicius Junior admitted that he "wasn't 100 percent at his best" but will improve to help Brazil more in attack.

Vinicius and Ismael Saibari scored outstanding goals for Brazil and Morocco as two of the expected FIFA World Cup 2026 heavyweights traded blows in New York. This was the first match in which Vinicius has scored not ending in victory for the Selecao. The previous eight occasions all helped secure a win.

"I believe I can improve a lot. I managed to score, but I wasn't 100 percent at my best technically," Vinicius said after receiving the man of the match award. "I can improve that and help Brazil more in attack. I was able to help a lot defensively, where everyone did an impeccable job. We need to improve and keep developing if we want to win the competition."

Morocco struck first through a superbly constructed and executed Ismael Saibari goal in the



Morocco's Ayyoub Bouaddi and Chadi Riad in action with Brazil's Gabriel Magalhaes

21st minute before Brazil bounced back through Vinicius Junior's moment of magic in the 32nd minute. **-IANS**

'Dream continues' for Qatar after draw against Switzerland

Following a 1-1 draw against Switzerland in their FIFA World Cup campaign opener, Qatar coach Julen Lopetegui expressed happiness with his team's "mentality", saying that the team achieved one dream after sealing their WC qualification and now "they have the right to continue having that dream".

A late header by Boualem Khoukhi, which deflected off the Swiss defender Miro Muheim and was later adjudged to be an own goal, helped Qatar earn their first-ever FIFA World Cup points in an entertaining clash against Switzerland on Saturday. In the previous edition, which they co-hosted, Qatar made their FIFA WC debut and finished at the bottom without a win to their name. Now with a draw, they have their first-ever WC point.

Speaking after the match, as quoted by Reuters, Julen said, "We achieved one dream when we arrived here, to be here, and now today is another little dream. And we have



Qatar's Pedro Miguel celebrates after Boualem Khoukhi scored their first goal

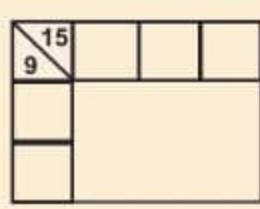
the right to continue having the dream."

"We believe, we work, we resist, we are resilient. In the end, we have one big award for us. I was very proud of the mentality, about the discipline that they showed today," he added.

On the other hand, Switzerland coach Murat Yakin rued over the fact that his side "lost two points". **-ANI**

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- Constricts (7)
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- Wishful thinking, in a way? (4,4)
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- Connected for power (5)
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- Landlord of an inn? (4)
- Cold season (6)
- Soap or detergent? (8)
- Observes (7)
- By : innately? (6)
- Chinese province—"shines" anagram? (6)
- Puccini opera (5)
- Hard wood (5)
- Overabundance (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: F EQUALS T
UPYFQBJ PY TQF I CKBWOT
QT FUO ZOZQBJ CKF IT
PHHKZPTIFPQT QR FUO YQKH.



Linemaro

I am bad in English, but I can tell you that I love you



Mindchow

When you stop chasing the wrong things, you give the right things a chance to catch you



Joke of the day

If a man works like a horse for his money, there are a lot of girls anxious to take him down the bridal path

Loop

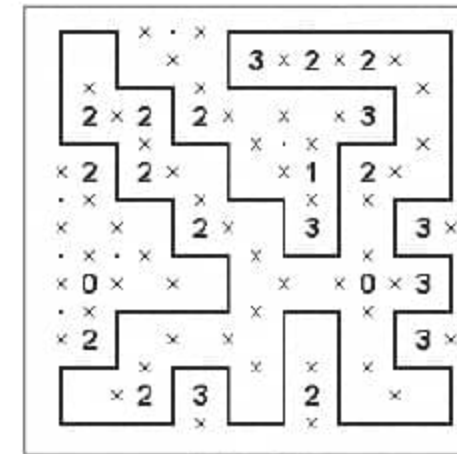
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

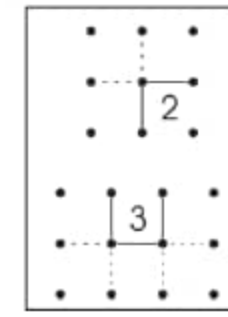
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

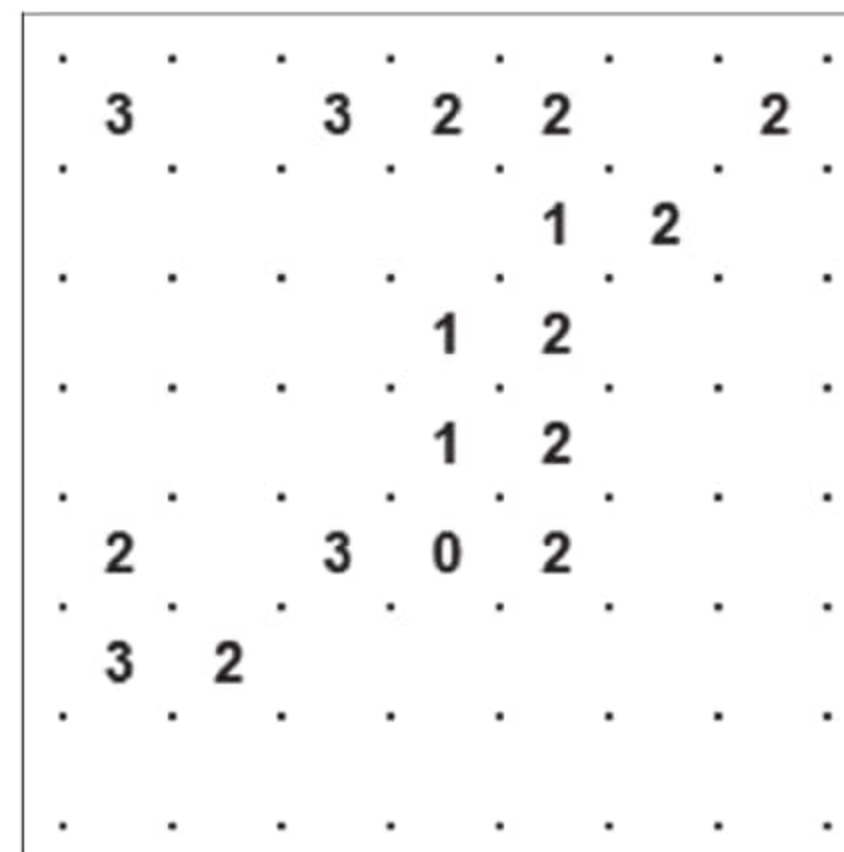
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed



Strikeout

N	A	T	S	A	C	U	E	T	I	A	T
A	R	T	U	L	T	C	R	G	H	T	C
N	C	A	M	A	R	L	G	D	A	T	M
N	K	N	O	E	B	I	I	E	T	N	F
O	S	G	D	I	U	S	E	A	I	T	A
F	L	W	K	G	Y	C	P	D	A	S	A
T	A	R	G	E	T	E	H	O	H	I	A
W	U	S	M	U	E	L	G	E	K	I	T
B	I	P	A	R	G	E	S	K	I	A	L
T	S	T	P	H	O	U	E	A	C	E	T
U	T	T	L	I	U	E	L	A	B	U	R
E	M	N	A	G	E	I	S	R	I	S	M
D	B	B	E	T	I	E	P	E	H	R	C
E	I	V	A	R	S	A	S	U	A	C	E

This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

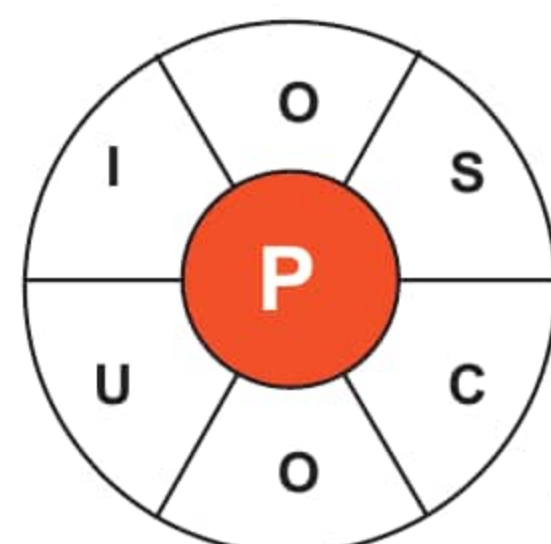
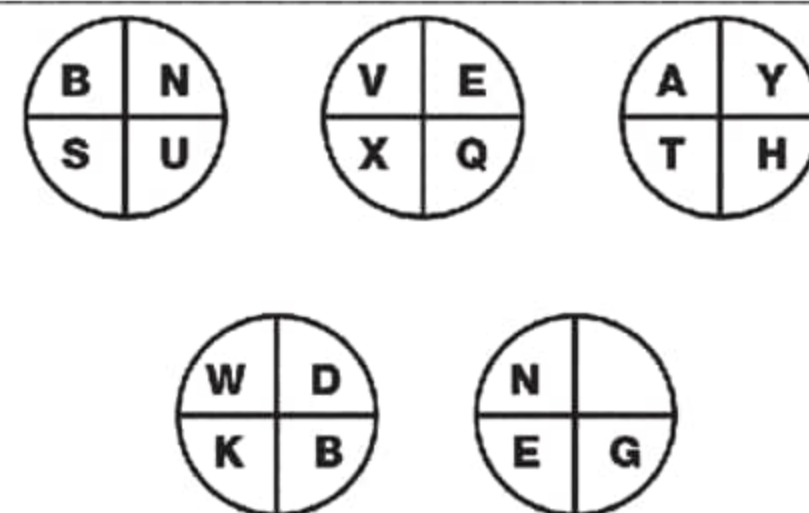
1	2	3	4	5
			M	
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

- Mascs; 6 But AI;
 - A true; 8 Chief;
 - If set
- #### DOWN
- Tuffs; 2 Ureic;
 - I a cab; 4 St ham;
 - Leets

Mensapuzzle

Which letter is missing from the blank segment?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

			5	7	2			
	4	9				1	2	
6								3
	2		3		8		1	
7	1						5	6
	5		6		7		4	
2								1
	9	5				6	7	
			1	2	9			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

= 13

= 10

Medium

= 6

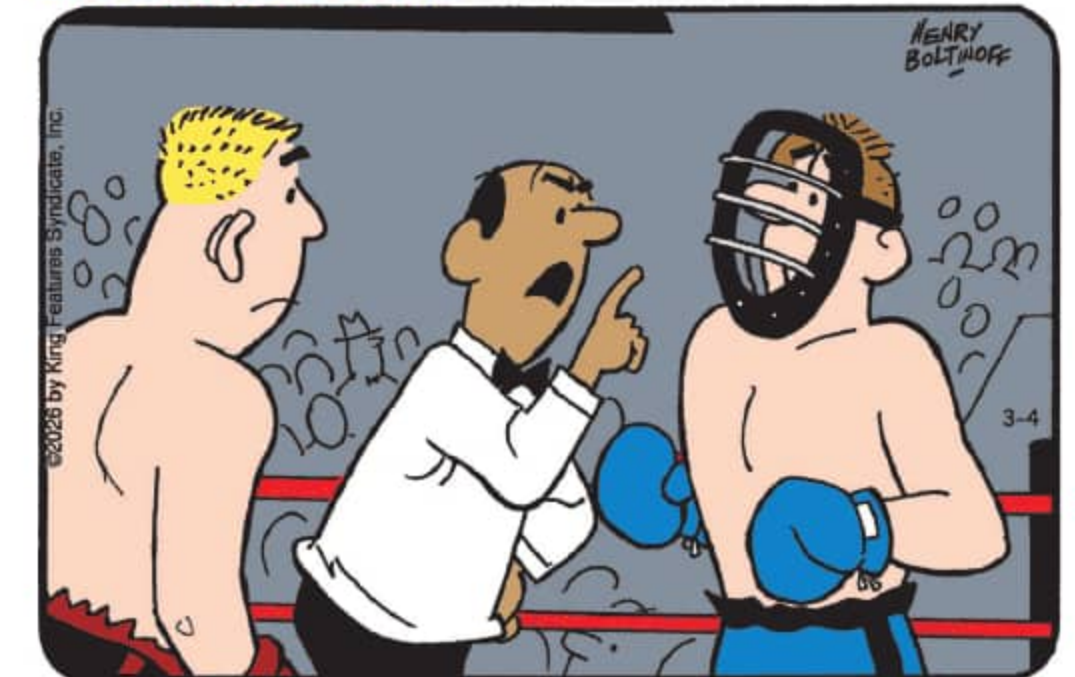
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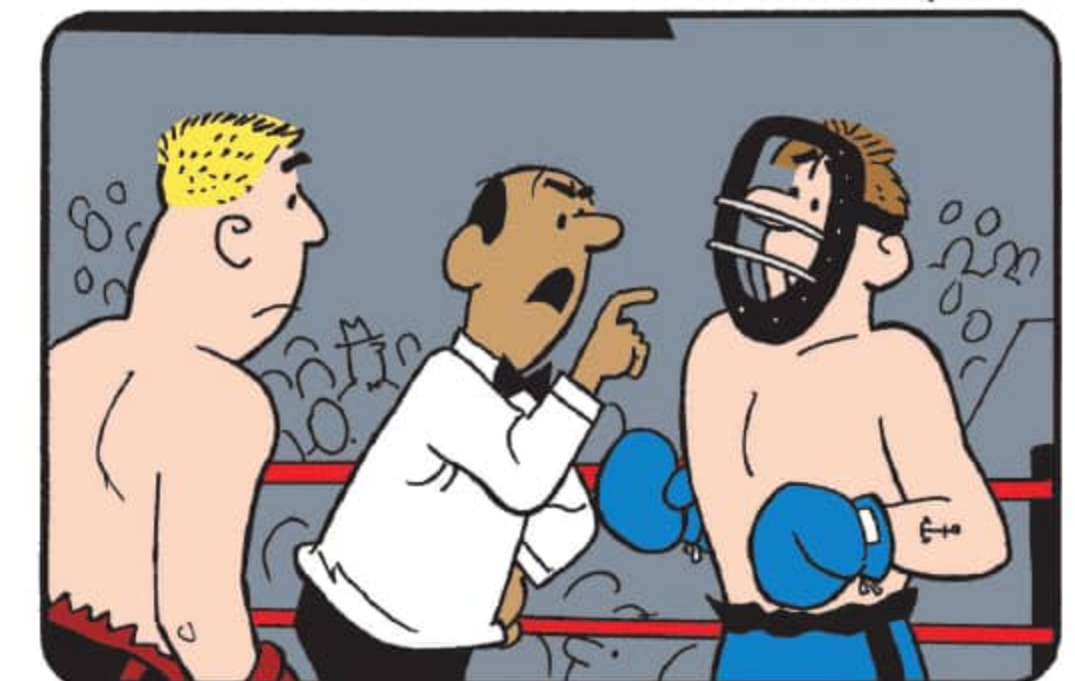
= 6

= 6

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Rope is higher. 2. Ear is different. 3. Mask is different. 4. Finger is moved. 5. Tattoo is added. 6. Man's hair is different.

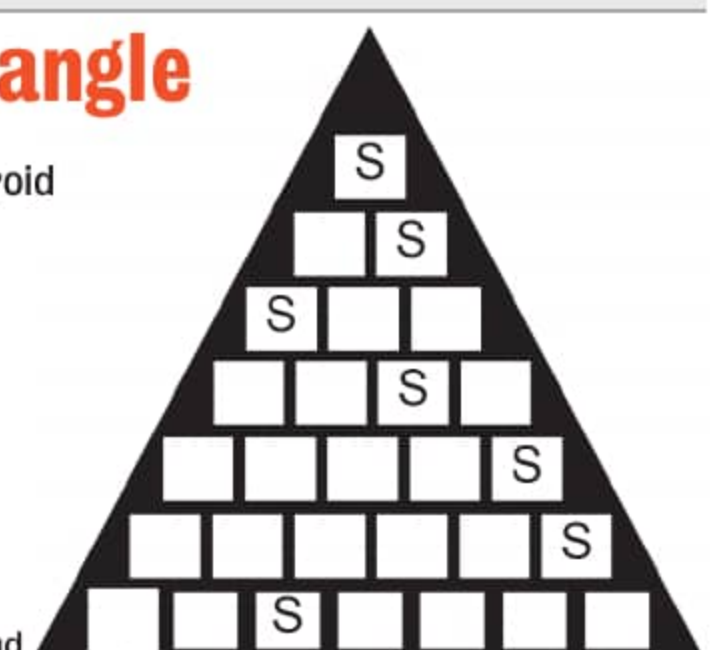
Riddler

Decapitate me and all becomes equal. Then truncate me and I become second. Cut me front and back and I become two less than I started. What am I?

Alpha triangle

- Curved letter
- Windows or Android
- Bribe
- Model's stance
- Prods
- Tea types
- Custom-made

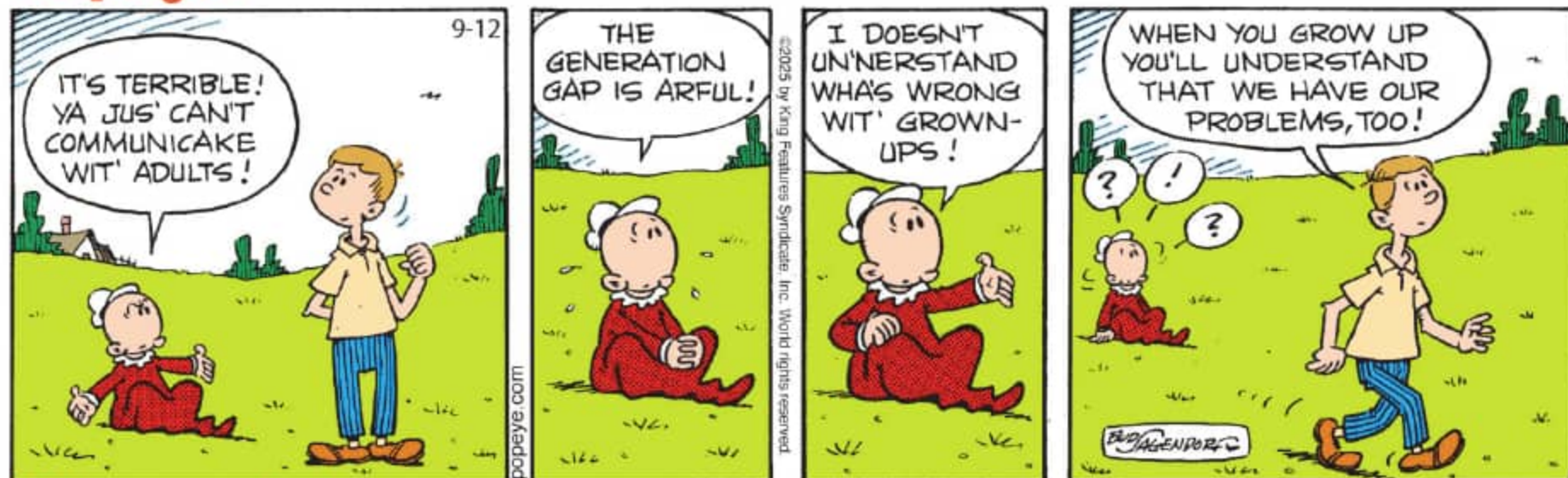
Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

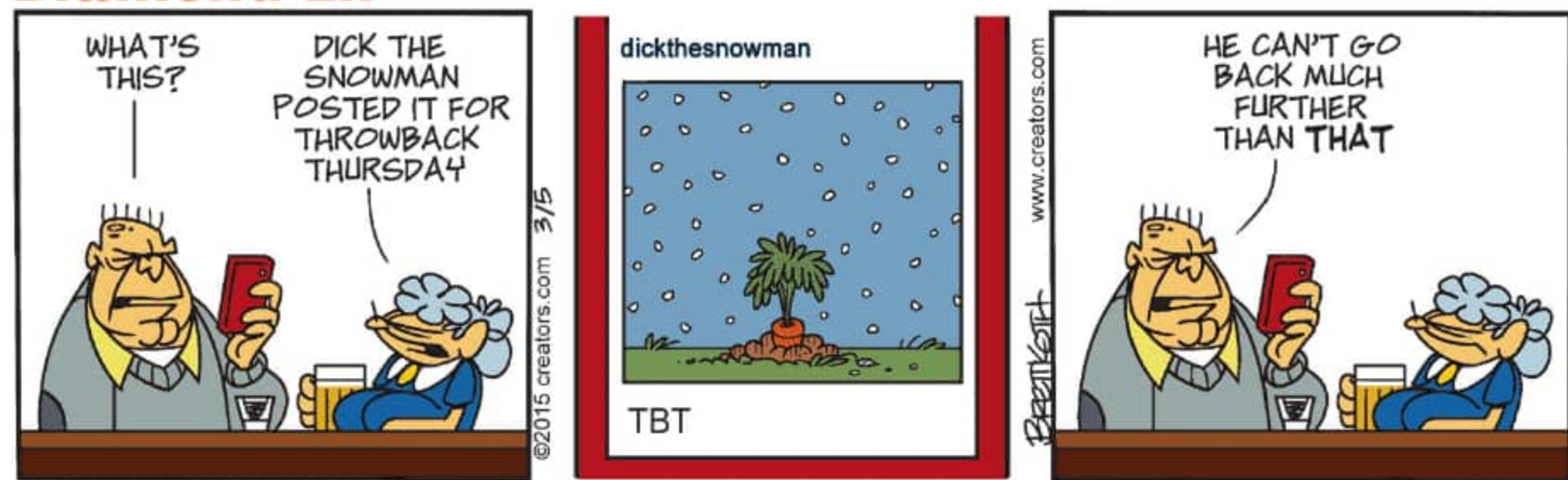
Popeye



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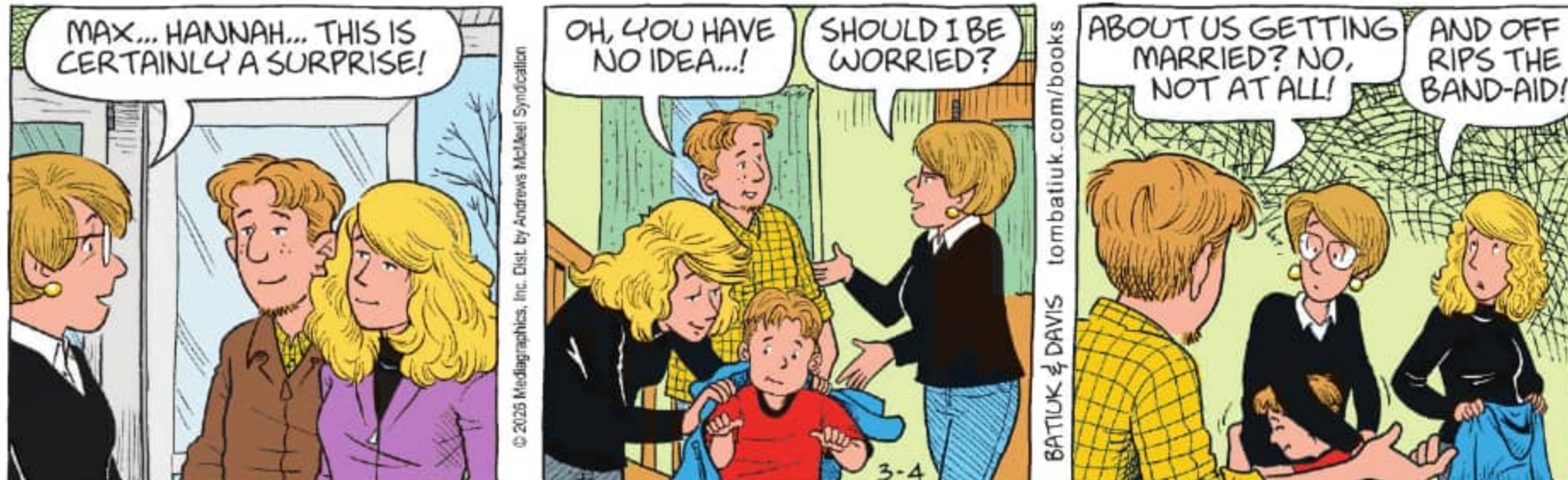
Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft

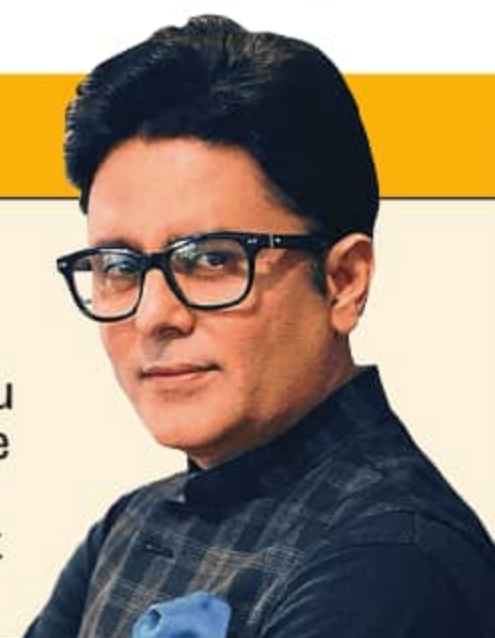


Mutts



WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR



If it's your birthday today

Mid-month brings a powerful surge of confidence, making it the perfect time to negotiate a well-deserved raise. Your social circle expands, introducing you to diverse, inspiring individuals. Romance feels deeply passionate, so embrace your emotional desires without hesitation. Optimise your physical health by scheduling a routine checkup or upgrading your daily vitamin and supplement intake.

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Slowing your pace today helps improve both quality and focus beautifully. Rushing through responsibilities may create unnecessary mistakes, while patience brings stronger results. Taking extra time with important tasks helps you feel more accomplished and calm.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Letting go of old grudges today creates emotional freedom and peace within you beautifully. Forgiveness helps you focus more positively on future possibilities instead of past disappointments. Healing old wounds opens space for happiness and growth.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Romantic attention surrounds you today, bringing exciting possibilities and playful connections your way naturally. Enjoy exploring different experiences without rushing into seriousness immediately. Staying open-minded allows meaningful chemistry and fun adventures to unfold beautifully ahead.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Unexpected responsibilities or opportunities may appear suddenly today, making flexibility especially valuable. Keeping your schedule lighter helps you handle surprises smoothly. Staying adaptable and organized ensures everything flows efficiently without creating unnecessary stress or overwhelm.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Patience becomes your greatest strength today as opportunities and wishes begin aligning beautifully around you. Staying calm when others disappoint you helps maintain harmony naturally. Thoughtful reactions and steady energy attract rewarding outcomes and peaceful progress.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Perfection is not required for success today, despite the high standards you place upon yourself constantly. Allowing mistakes helps you grow more confidently. Trusting your abilities fully strengthens self-belief and makes your efforts even more meaningful.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Your productivity rises beautifully today, motivating you to focus seriously on health, career, and personal responsibilities again. Positive momentum helps you handle tasks efficiently while creating balance, confidence, and meaningful progress across every important area.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Showing your authentic personality today helps others understand and appreciate you more deeply. Letting your guard down creates stronger emotional connections naturally. Openness and honesty replace feelings of misunderstanding while strengthening your confidence beautifully now.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Your wellbeing deserves more attention today, especially regarding fitness, rest, and emotional balance. Taking time for self-care activities restores your energy beautifully. Prioritising your health strengthens focus, confidence, and your ability to handle everything else.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Everything you desire remains achievable today, though extra effort may be required along the way. Working harder than usual teaches valuable lessons while strengthening your appreciation for success, growth, and the rewards you earn independently.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Patience and smaller goals bring greater success today than rushing toward unrealistic expectations. Progress happens steadily, even if slower than desired initially. Trusting the process helps you stay motivated while building stronger foundations for future achievements.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

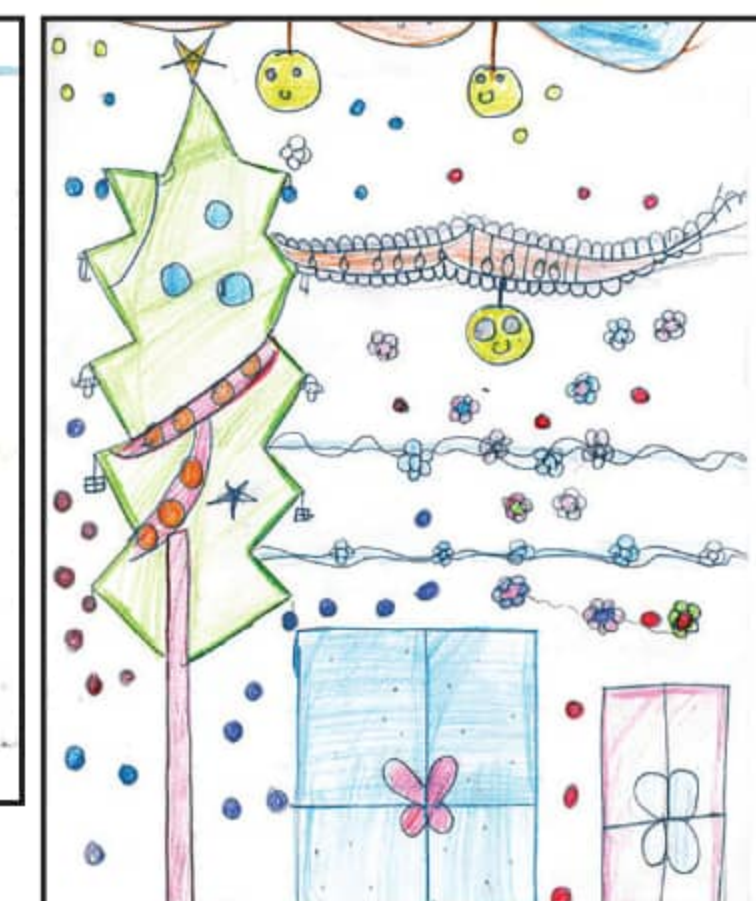
Attention naturally follows you today, making your actions and decisions especially noticeable to others. Carry yourself confidently while staying mindful of your choices. Maintaining integrity and self-respect helps protect your reputation and strengthen admiration naturally.

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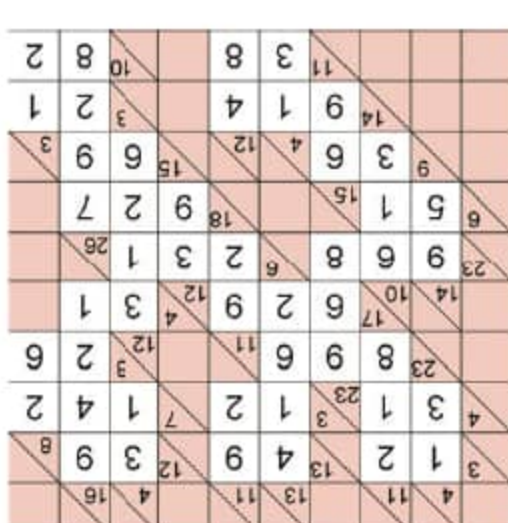
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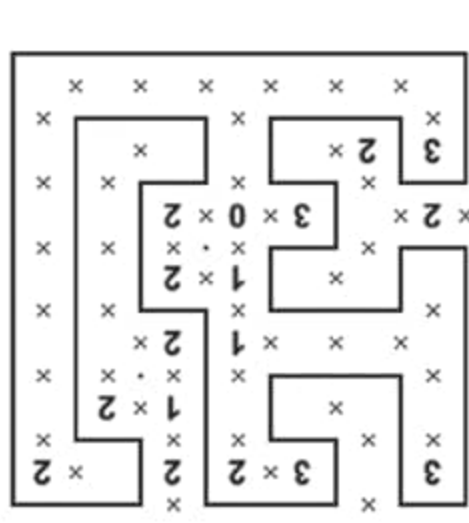
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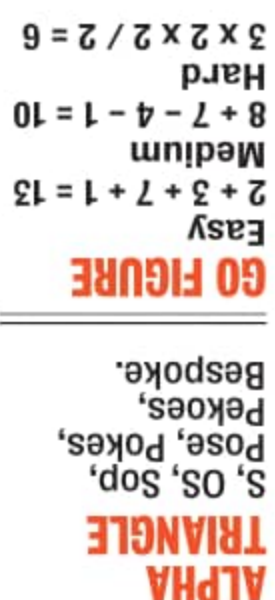
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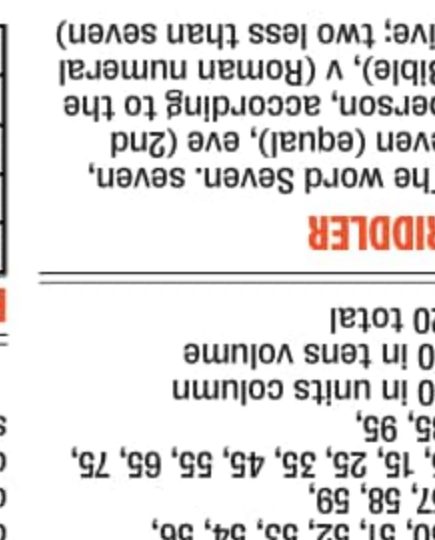
QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULLS & COWS



SOLVE IN 1M

All about perception

Actor Girija Oak, known for her work in the Marathi and Hindi film industries, says that perceptions of ethnicity play a role in casting decisions, sometimes benefiting artists and at times going against them.

"I haven't done any Marathi work in the last few years, and of late, more Hindi projects have come my way. I've always been offered a variety of roles. Maybe I don't look Maharashtrian, or maybe I do to some people. Sometimes your ethnicity can work in your favour, and sometimes it can work against you. It's a strange game of perception," the Nagpur-born actor told PTI.

OShe pointed to her casting in the 2025 series "Perfect Family" by casting director Mukesh Chhabra as an example of how industry stereotypes can be challenged.

In the series, Oak portrays Neeti Karkaria, a daughter-in-law navigating the complexities and tensions of a dysfunctional Punjabi family.

"Some people cast me for Maharashtrian characters because I can speak the language well and mix it with 'Bambaiya Hindi'. Although I don't speak that way in real life, I can work on it if the character requires it.

"So, if language and appearance are the only considerations, then it ultimately comes down to how people perceive me. But, overall, it has worked in my favour," she added. She shared that she was recently approached to play the mother of a 40-year-old male lead, a proposal that left her surprised.

Reflecting on how differently she has been viewed over time, she recalled meeting filmmaker Atlee during the casting of "Jawan", when he remarked that she looked very young and should be part of Shah Rukh Khan's core team in the film.

"So, I don't know how I'm perceived, where I'm placed in terms of age, ethnicity, region," explained Oak.

-PTI



Protective bond

Kriti shields Rashmika from milling crowds in act of solid sisterhood

A promotional event for the upcoming film 'Cocktail 2' in Pune turned chaotic when an overwhelming crowd broke through security barricades to get close to stars Shahid Kapoor, Kriti Sanon, and Rashmika Mandanna. But Kriti's instinctive move to shield Rashmika from the surging crowd has since captured hearts online.

The trio was visiting a mall in Pune as part of the film's promotional tour when the fan event spiralled out of control. Videos from the venue show a massive crowd flooding towards the actors, leaving all three struggling to move. According to reports and onlookers, the promotional event had to be cut short after fans broke through security barricades.

Shahid Kapoor appeared visibly frustrated as he pushed through the crowd, while security worked to escort the actors out of the venue.

Amid the chaos, Kriti Sanon's response caught everyone's attention. She was seen holding tightly to Rashmika Mandanna and shielding her from the pushing crowd while security escort-



ed them out. Kriti remained visibly alert throughout, carefully guiding her co-star through the sea of fans. The moment quickly went viral, drawing widespread praise from netizens. Social media users quickly lauded Kriti's protective instinct. One fan commented, "The way Kriti is protecting Rashmika... like a younger sister... lots of love to you all." Another wrote, "The way Kriti is protecting Rashmika, pure bond." A third user added, "This must be scary for Rashmika and Kriti. People went crazy and broke barricades." Several users also criticised the crowd management at the venue, describing the attendees' behaviour as "pathetic."

On the other hand, a video of the trio enjoying vada pav during an earlier meet-and-greet segment of the promotional visit also went viral, offering a stark contrast to the chaos that followed.

-ETimes



Boys Anthem unveiled



The soundtrack and 'boys anthem' of film Boys Never Compromise were unveiled at Utsav Legacy on Saturday. The movie, set against a horror-comedy backdrop, is directed by Harish Jalagere and is to arrive in theatres on July 10. The debutant director said the movie conveys a message. "It is about a group of naughty boys who get connected with divine power accidentally. I thank my friend Kolar Seenu for supporting me," said Jalagere.

The director said the teaser of the movie is well received. "We are planning to release an item song of the movie in 15 to 20 days. We have decided to have Kichcha Sudeep as a chief guest for the trailer launch."

Kolar Seenu, co-director, said the movie has turned out well. "I directed two movies supported by Harish. We have been friends for more than two decades," he said. Music director Loki Tavasya said all song sequences have been picturised well.

Thriller Manju's comeback



Thriller Manju, known for choreographing scintillating action scenes in Kannada movies, makes a comeback as a director after a gap of 15 years with his latest movie Deadly Killer. His last film was Police Story 3 in 2011.

Deadly Killer is supported by Prashanth T Tambrallimath under the banners of Keerthi Silver Screen and Vedic Cosmos. Abhay Veer and Naveeksha are the lead pair in the movie. The trailer of the movie was unveiled by actress Ragini Dwivedi recently while actor Ravi Chetan and director Victory Vasu were the guests of honour.

"Thriller Manju sir was the action choreographer for my maiden movie in Sandalwood. I still remember how Abhay Veer provided moral support to my parents when I faced difficulties. I appeal to moviegoers to encourage movies made by newcomers," said Dwivedi. Thriller Manju said he narrated the story in one line to Abhay Veer a few years ago. "Abhay Veer not only liked it but also contacted the producer to support this movie," he said.



Anna Faris reveals how she coped up after divorce from Chris Pratt

Hollywood actress Anna Faris has shared how she coped up after her split from her husband Chris Pratt. The couple finalised their divorce in 2018.

The actress shared that her podcast was a lifeline after her divorce, reports 'Female First UK'.

The 49-year-old actress said the breakup with the 46-year-old actor after eight years of marriage made her want to live a life free of public judgment.

She told 'Variety', "I was feeling sad. I do feel like I had enough gumption, enough of a core, and I have tried to be careful about how much Hollywood infiltrates, but now I've been on a spectrum of fame for 26 years, so I would be naïve to think that it hasn't shaped

who I am at this point. But, f***. The scrutiny".

The actress, who has a 13-year-old son named Jack with Chris, found comfort in building a "secret community" with her podcast, 'Anna Faris Is Unqualified'.

She went on, "I'm lucky that at that time I had my podcast. That goes back to the talk radio. I wanted, like, four people to listen and to build my own secret community. I wanted an avenue outside of Hollywood as a way to connect with people". As per 'Female First UK', Anna launched the podcast in 2015, and while she "didn't disclose a lot" on it, the Just Friends star said she felt she could "if I needed to".

-IANS